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SUBJECT: RICH INTERNATIONAL CARGO CHARTERS

REF: STATE 036529

- 1. THE EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL.
- 2. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED RICH'S APPLICATION FOR AND THE DENIAL OF OPERATING RIGHTS WITH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION. IN ADDITION, SYLVANIA'S LOCAL MANAGER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL. THE GOH DENIED RICH'S APPLICATION BECAUSE ADEQUATE CARGO SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER ALREADY CERTIFIED CARRIERS. INASMUCH AS THE DENIAL IS BASED ON A "LACK OF PUBLIC NEED" FOR THE SERVICE EMD RICH'S ANTIQUE FLEET COULD ADD LITTLE TO THE SERVICES OFFERED BY OTHER BETTER EQUIPPED CARRIERS, IT APPEARS GOH ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH CAB PRACTICES. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER AT LENGTH WITH SYLVANIA'S LOCAL MANAGER AND UNDERSTANDS THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO PURSUE THE RICH APPLICATION.

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3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE RICH ALLEGATIONS THAT THE "BASIC REASON FOR DELAY IN ISSUING PERMIT IS DESIRE ON PART OF UNNAMED HAITIAN OFFICIALS FOR A PAYOFF" MERIT COMMENT. WE SHOULD OBTAIN THE DETAILS FROM RICH TO PASS ON THE APPROPRIATE HAITIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. SEEKING OR ACCEPTING A BRIBE IS ILLEGAL IN HAITI AND THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. PROMPTLY

PROVIDE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WITH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION WHEN THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS OF THIS NATURE.

4. IN VIEW OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS FURTHER INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF RICH INAPPROPRIATE. JONES

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